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**Examining Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers**

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| PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: | <b>EXAMINING BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND ATHLETIC TRAINERS</b>  |
| MEETING DATE AND TIME:  | <b>Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.</b>  |
| PLACE:                  | 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware<br><b>Conference Room A</b> , second floor of the Cannon Building |
| MINUTES APPROVED:       | February 23, 2016  |

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Julie Knowles, Professional Member, Chairperson  
Jeffrey Schneider, Professional Member, Vice-Chairperson  
Samuel Sullivan, Professional Member, Secretary  
Amy Blansfield, Professional Member  
Robert Price, Professional Member  
Kimberly Lewis, Professional Member  
Angela Smith, Professional Member

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General  
Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Waheedah Shabazz, Public Member  
Prameela Kaza, Public Member  
Monique Johns, Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT**

Ann Neal

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Knowles called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board discussed amending the minutes for the meeting held on December 8, 2015 to add a discussion which was not included. Ms. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield, to add the Board's discussion of the review and approval of CE applications by one Board member. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ratify PT/PTA/AT Applications by Examination

Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to ratify licensure by examination and approve the following as noted below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

|                      |                                   |                          |
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| Rachel Lins (PT)     | Beth Ackerman (PT)                | Scott Fensstemacher (PT) |
| James Orr (PT)       | Tripti Upadyyay (PT)              | Bhumi Desai (PT)         |
| Lauren Kester (PT)   | Kumari Lakshmi nimmalapalli (PTA) |                          |
| Shelia Orbista (PTA) | Chanda Reburiano (PT)             | Khushbooben Viras (PTA)  |
| Macy Weidner (PTA)   | Jessica Galgiani (PT)             | Mark De Fiesta (PT)      |

Ratify PT/PTA/AT Applications by Reciprocity

Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to ratify licensure by reciprocity and approve the following as noted below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

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| Kristin Sutton (PT)    | Amanda Muir (PTA)       | Caitlin McFadden (AT)   |
| Lisa Schwarcz (PT)     | Caitlin Messaros (AT)   | Cheryl Frank (PT)       |
| Nicole Maskery (PT)    | Christopher Breaux (PT) | Kristina Battaglia (PT) |
| Cassandra Niemela (AT) | Jason Kopec (AT)        | Natalie Krieg (AT)      |
| Martha Ritter (AT)     | Melissa DiFabio (AT)    |                         |

Status of Complaints

Complaint # 14-02-15 – forwarded to the Attorney General's Office

Review of Continuing Education Courses

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Price, to amend the agenda to add D. 14, 15, 16 courses under Institute of Advanced Musculoskeletal Treatments. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lewis to approve the following continuing education courses as with amendments. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Ossur Americas, Inc. – Treatment Considerations for the Individual with Limb Loss - .75 CEUs  
Birth to Three Early Intervention, DHSS – Routines Based Interview – 1.3 CEUs  
Accelerated Care Plus Corp (ACP) – Physical Agent Modality Basics - Electrotherapy – .2 CEUs  
Accelerated Care Plus Corp (ACP) - Physical Agent Modality Basics – Shortwave Diathermy - .15 CEUs  
Accelerated Care Plus Corp (ACP) – Physical Agent Modality Basics – Ultrasound - .2 CEUs  
Numotion – Standing WC: Applying the Evidence for best practice – .1 CEU  
Numotion – The Relationship of Vision, Posture and Mobility – .1 CEU  
Numotion – Aging with a Disability: Research and Clinical Perspectives - .2 CEUs  
Doug Huisenga – Christiana Care Health System – Neurovascular Symposium - .6 CEUs  
Bayada Home Health Care – Bayada Heart Failure Certification Education - 1.5 CEUs  
University of Delaware, Department of Education and others – Delaware's Inclusion Conference - .45 CEUs  
Institute of Advanced Musculoskeletal Treatments – Exercise Prescription - 1.6 CEUs  
Institute of Advanced Musculoskeletal Treatments – Lower Quarter Examinations and Treatments – 1.6 CEUs  
Institute of Advanced Musculoskeletal Treatments – Soft Tissue Mobilization and Taping Techniques – 1.6 CEUs

Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to deny the following requests due to not having relevance to Physical Therapy and/or Athletic Training or too basic for CE. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

University of Delaware, Division of Professional and Continuing Studies – Senior Fitness Training Specialist Certificate – 9.0 CEUs  
Accelerated Care Plus Corp (ACP) – Physical Agent Modality Basics – Ultrasound - .2 CEUs  
Institute of Advanced Musculoskeletal Treatments – Leadership in Clinical Practice – 1.6 CEUs

### NPTE Appeals

The Board reviewed the NPTE appeals that were submitted. After review, Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to deny the appeals for not meeting the criteria as established by FSBPT. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

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Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to amend the agenda to add Joseph Sarmiento to the NPTE Appeals. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schneider, to deny the appeal request of Joseph Sarmiento for not meeting the criteria as established by FSBPT. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Ms. Wagner will send letters to the applicants that requested the appeal.

### Request for Special Accommodation

Ms. Kelly reviewed the request for special accommodations submitted by Nazanin Nejati. Ms. Kelly advised the Board that Nazanin Nejati met the requirements under the guidelines. After Board discussion, Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Price, to grant approval to Nazanin Nejati for special accommodations for sitting for the examination. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Ms. Knowles made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield, to amend the agenda to add Elections of Board Members. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Ms. Knowles nominated Mr. Schneider for Chairperson of the Board, seconded by Ms. Smith. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. Mr. Schneider accepted the nomination.

Mr. Schneider nominated Mr. Sullivan for Vice Chairperson of the Board, seconded by Ms. Smith. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. Mr. Sullivan accepted the nomination.

Ms. Blansfield nominated Mr. Price for Secretary of the Board, seconded by Mr. Schneider. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. Mr. Price accepted the nomination.

### CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

### OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Ms. Wagner had a couple inquires come in that she asked the Board about.

Ms. Wiesenberg from Bayada Home Health Care wanted to know if Physical Therapists could take a patient's INR using a meter in the home health care practice setting and can Physical Therapists take a verbal order from a physician regarding medication changes? The Board discussed and asked that Ms. Wagner let Ms. Wiesenberg know the answer to both was no.

A question was sent in by email from someone moving from Hawaii to Delaware and wanted to know if physical therapists can dispense and bill on their own in Delaware or do they need an MD to sign off? After discussion, the Board asked Ms. Wagner to get more clarification before they could answer this person's question.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the second floor Conference Room A, of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Wagner".

Sandra Wagner  
Administrative Specialist III

*The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.*